

John and Mark



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**Hello,
We are John and Mark**



All dressed up on our wedding day



We love to travel together and explore new places!



Going to see a race, fun in the sun!



Visiting Denmark to meet John's family

We appreciate you taking the time to learn about us. We want you to know how deeply we respect you and the brave choices you are making. It must be an unimaginably complicated decision for you and we are so grateful that you would consider us as a family to support and love your child. We know that you are putting your child's needs first and how serious and important of a choice you are making. We hope to support you through your journey and share who we are with you.

How we met



Our cousins at the beach!



John learns to cook in Spain



John cooks and serves the Easter soup



Mark's niece and nephew arrive! Our family grows!

We were both from the same area but didn't know each other until Mark moved back to be near his family. Before we decided to go on our first date we talked for a while, chatting about our interests, hobbies, and families. The longer we spoke, the clearer it became that we needed to give a relationship a try. The first time we met for a date we brought each other food that we had been cooking for the holidays. We had been talking about how we each enjoyed cooking and when we decided to meet for a date we had the same idea – surprise the other with something special from home. From there, we both knew that we wanted the same things from life – a wonderful home to share with family, many celebrations with friends, and one love and life to share together.

Who we are

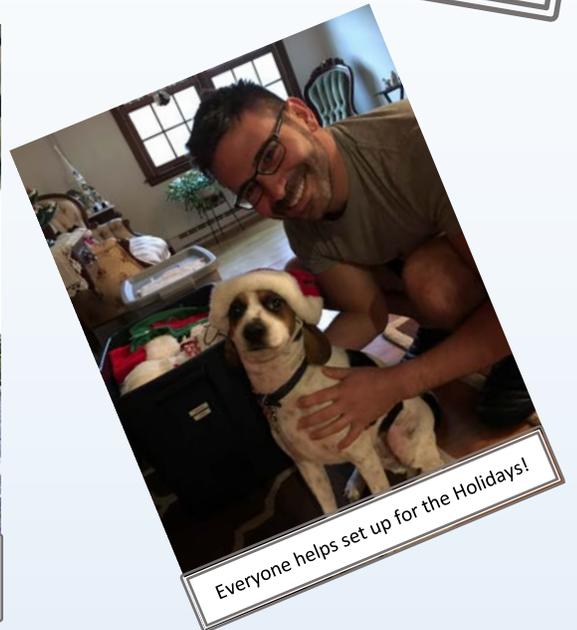
We grew together as a couple, introducing each other to our families and traditions, and started to build our home. As a team we helped each other to reach our personal and professional goals and found many ways to celebrate bringing our lives together.



Yardwork when we moved into our new house!



Family picnics and summer celebrations!



Everyone helps set up for the Holidays!

The thing we value most about each other is that we look out for each other while still being encouraging and honest about what we need. This has allowed us to build a trusting and fulfilling relationship, one that we know has prepared us to be fathers.



Engaged!



Married!

Our home

Four summers ago we brought our home, it is the house that Mark grew up in. Our town is wonderful, with many community events each year, great schools, and lots of fun things for families to do. Our home has always been about children and family and our entire family is tremendously excited to have the opportunity to welcome another child to fill it with love, learning, and laughter. We are also blessed that John's mother lives only a couple of miles from us and is extremely excited to be a grandmother. We know that both she and Mark's parents will be a tremendous help.



A proud Mom and her boys



Our niece and nephew visit our home for the first time



We have the most wonderful neighborhood and often hang out in each other's yards



This summer Johnny built us a new patio. Time for more family picnics!

Our home

This is the room we are hoping to change to a nursery. It is right near ours and was Mark's as a child. We have a garden and a yard where your child can play with family, friends, and of course our dog Lucky. We both grew up learning to garden and loved playing outdoors and we hope to share this with your child. The kitchen is the center of our home, where we cook for our family and celebrate.



Mark's old bedroom and someday a nursery!!!!



Our home



Our backyard garden and yard.
A great place to play and there are lots of kids in the neighborhood.



For our family time around the table is very important

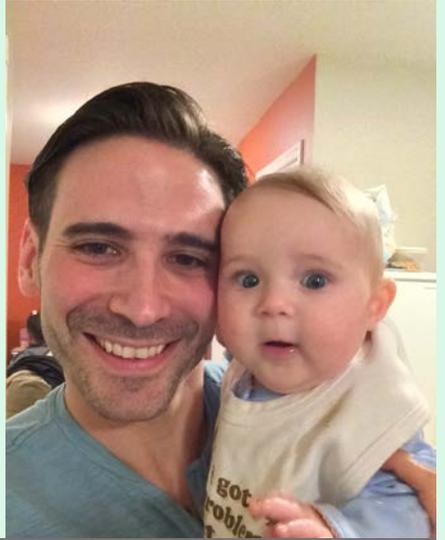
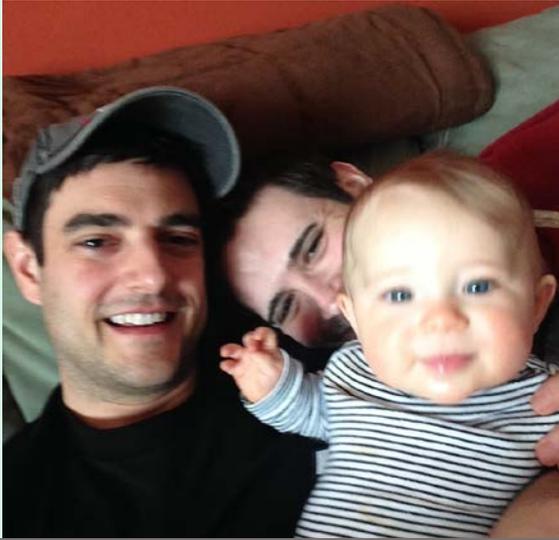
**About us:
Our Hopes and Dreams**



John's biological sister gets married, John was in the wedding!

John becomes a godfather...3 times!

As we started to consider expanding our family we knew immediately we wanted to adopt. Our home is filled with love and we are ready to welcome, nurture, care for, and celebrate a child. We are also a family that is very familiar with adoption and know that this will help us ensure that your child understands that by being adopted he or she is doubly loved. John is adopted and so we have firsthand knowledge of the process of raising an adopted child. He was brought up from the start knowing the true and lasting love of his family and with a full and truthful awareness of his adoption. Confident in the love of his upbringing, John connected with his birthparents. His is especially close to his birthmother and now has welcomed her in as an important part of his adult life. Mark also grew up with adoption in his life. He has several cousins who were adopted and part of his very close extended family.



Dear friends each have babies in the same summer!

John (from Mark)

John is one of the most genuine people I have ever known. It was his smile that first made me fall for him. The truth is that that smile holds the soul of a kind, loving, and caring man. John isn't materialistic or judgmental, he simply wants a happy life and people to share it with. He loves to work outdoors in the yard and garden and can sit at the beach for hours enjoying the waves and playing with our dog Lucky. He has an honest and true nature and is always there for the ones he loves. John is my rock, he keeps me calm when I am nervous and lifts me up when I am scared. He seems to do it without even noticing it and I know that he will do so with courage and love for your child.



Visiting friends at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!



John saves us from the snow



John cared for Mark's dog Molly when she was ill



Heading to the beach with our dog Lucky

Mark (from John)

Mark is one of the smartest people I know. He pushes me to grow at every moment. He knows how to listen, he is always there to help me, and gives me advice whenever I need it. These qualities will make Mark a wonderful father. I know we can face any of life's obstacles together. We are the ultimate team. His love warms my heart.



They make HUGE Legos in Denmark!



Mark's brother wins an award, time to get fancy!



Lucky helped Mark to propose!



Weekends and kayaks, great relaxation!

Our families

Mark's family at Easter



John and his mother all dressed up



Christmas is at our home and Mark's niece and nephew spend their first Christmas with us



We are two people who are committed to each other and to having a strong and loving family that allows a child to grow in happiness and joy. We are also very fortunate to have parents and relatives who live very close by. We were both raised in large families where grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, and dear family friends are all active parts of a child's life. As a result, we are both dedicated to sharing this with your child and know that this will help make our home even more supportive and loving.

Our families



All year long, we love spending time together



Babysitting and John tries to share the snack



Our dear dog Molly, playing in the snow with us

As a couple we have been blessed to have a good deal of experience with children both through our extended family and through Mark's work. Mark works with children every day and helps families by supporting them through very difficult times. As a result, we know that we have a strong foundation, both in love and experience, to allow us to be confident that we are ready to welcome your child directly into our hearts and home.

John's Family

John grew up in Connecticut, adopted into a large Italian family. His father was from Connecticut and his mother moved to America from Denmark. So John also has a large extended family in Denmark. As a child he would occasionally be able to go there to visit family, and now as an adult we sometimes get to go there together with his mother. John's father sadly passed away several years ago, and as an only child, John's relationship with his mother has come to mean even more.

John grew up spending each Sunday having dinner at his grandmother's house, laughing and visiting with his cousins.

We now enjoy cooking the Sunday meal for our two families or going to one of our parent's home to visit with them.

Happy Halloween from John's parents



John's mother with us on our first Christmas in our new home

John and his entire family always knew about his adoption. This was something that was just part of who he was and as a child his family found safe and comfortable ways to make him understand his history. He knew that he was loved unconditionally, and never felt anything other than the full love of his mother, father, and entire family.

Mark's Family

Mark also grew up as part of a large Italian family. His mother and father were from the same town and he grew up there surrounded by his brothers and cousins. He grew up in a neighborhood where cousins lived in the homes around him, allowing him to play openly around the neighborhood. This is the home that Mark and John now own and, excitedly, they still have lots of family around.



Mark and his brother are godparents to their niece and nephew



Mark's family travels to meet John's family



Mark's brother turns 40 – more family time!

Mark was raised to value family above everything. His parents raised him with a very strong connection to all of his grandparents and many of his cousins. As an adult, Mark is very excited to offer the same messages to a child. Mark always understood that his family would support him no matter what. They also instilled in him important values of respect for others, family, community, responsibility, and education.

**Us:
Professional Life**



Traveling for work in Scotland



We are always smiling



Mark speaks at a professional conference



We travel together when we can, even for work

John completed his Master's in Business Administration and helps teams manage and develop research projects to cure pediatric illnesses. Mark is a Psychologist and works with schools and families, teaching and assisting them with how to best help children with disabilities. As a working couple we have made many preparations allowing us to change our work schedules to meet the needs of a child.

We are sure that as you consider the type of home that you would like for your child that you are weighing countless variables. This must make the process even more complicated for you. We want you to know that above all else, we know that the baby who enters our home will be our first priority, that we will love your child with all the strength we have, and that we will ensure that your baby is supported, nurtured, and loved life-long.

Family Times

We have a number of traditions that we have developed each year and are so excited to share these with your child. These are things we have done year after year and have often said, “wouldn’t this be perfect to share with a child.” In the winter we love to go for walks in the snow and then share warm visits with family. When the flowers spring up we start our gardens and spend more and more time outside. Then it is time for Easter celebrations – more time with family and of course egg hunts!



John works on the holiday pies



Easter Egg Hunts!



Mom, Dad, John, and Mark all cooking together

Our family shares a home by the shore where our cousins and Mark’s niece and nephew can spend the summer. They live out of state but we visit each other frequently throughout the year. We can’t wait to share such family times with another baby. We enjoy exercising and spending time outdoors and do so as often as we can.



Making pies with John’s Mom



We spend so much of the summer at the beach as a family

Our Traditions

We go strawberry picking every June and then start spending more and more time at the shore. The summer is filled with family barbeques, birthdays, and parties. As the fall approaches it is time for apple picking, trips to festivals and fairs, and the pumpkin picking. The winter is our time for holiday celebrations. We open our home to the entire family for Christmas celebrations. It is a time for children to play together and for the wonder of the holiday to be shared with all.

Time to get the strawberries

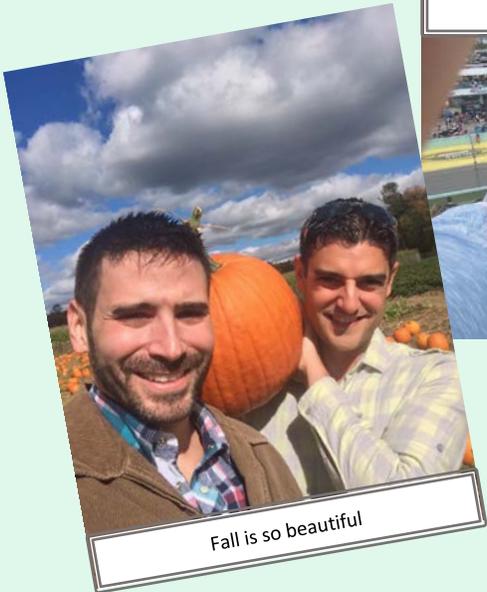


Fourth of July picnics



Apple picking and making jokes!

Family time at the race track



Fall is so beautiful



Mark picks the tree...John cuts it

John is Protestant and Mark is Catholic. Faith plays an important role in our life and as a couple we have shared our time in John's church community. We believe that it is important to introduce a child to a faith community that is welcoming and helps instill values of respect for oneself and others and caring for one's community.

Our Message to You

We have tremendous admiration, respect, and appreciation for you and the commitment you are making. Ours is a home filled with love, love that will grow tremendously as we become fathers. We are happy to share more information about ourselves, our home, and our vision for raising a child. We will help your child grow in a home that is loving, nurturing, and tremendously respectful of the adoption experience.



Making yard work fun!



Lucky's first day as part of the family

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Your caring and loving decision will allow us to grow our family and we know that we will be loving and dedicated parents.

We are open to adopting a child of any race and are confident that our home and our family will endlessly love your child. We want to help you throughout your journey and are open to speaking with you and being there for you during your pregnancy and afterwards to sharing updates and photos with you as your child grows.

Please feel free to contact us through our adoption agency, Forever Families Through Adoption at their toll free number 1-866-922-3678 or you can email us at markandjohn1221@gmail.com.

Thank You



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